

Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
10/617,066	BROWN ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 10/6/2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Applicant Response dated October 6, 2006 to an Office Action dated July 7, 2006 is entered. Claims 1-9 are pending in this application.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John Biggers on December 1, 2006. The application claims have been amended as follows:

Claim 1, lines 3-5, change from:

"receiving, at an intermediary device, an authenticated callee identity for a callee answering a call, wherein said identity is authenticated by an origin device originating said call;"

to:

"receiving, at an intermediary device, an authenticated callee identity for a callee answering a call, wherein said identity is authenticated by an origin device originating said call by a caller;"

Claim 5, lines 4-6, change from:

“means for receiving, at said intermediary device, an authenticated callee identity for a callee answering a call from an origin device originating said call;”

to:

“means for receiving, at said intermediary device, an authenticated callee identity for a callee answering a call, wherein said identity is authenticated by an origin device originating said call by a caller;”.

Claim 9, lines 4-6, change from:

“means, recorded on said recording medium, for enabling receipt, at said intermediary device, of an authenticated callee identity for a callee answering a call from an origin device originating said call;”

to:

“means, recorded on said recording medium, for enabling receipt, at said intermediary device, of an authenticated callee identity for a callee answering a call, wherein said identity is authenticated by an origin device originating said call by a caller;”.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding Independent claims 1, 5, 9, these claims with above modifications as authorized by Attorney Mr. John Biggers, recite the functionality “wherein said identity is authenticated by an origin device originating said call by a caller”.

The prior art of record Gallick and Farris do not teach the specific feature of a device, that a caller uses to make a call, also performing authentication of a callee that answers the call.

The remaining prior art of record fail to teach or fairly suggest substantially modifying Gallick and Farris with this specific feature in order to arrive at the invention as claimed in detail by the applicant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hemant Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-8620. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on 571-272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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